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which craters are developed, and volcanoes, ancient and post-glacial, are shown; also the areas subject to earthquakes. Appended to the map are 16 sketches showing some of the crater-forms in Iceland. The article is a concise discussion of the phenomena represented on the map. Dr. Thoroddsen is to develop the subject more exhaustively in a supplement to *Petermanns Mitteilungen*.

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BOOK NOTICES.

Historia de las Guerras Civiles del Perú (1544-1548) y de Otros Sucesos de las Indias, por Pedro Gutierrez de Santa Clara.

Tomos 1 y 2. (Colección de Libros y Documentos referentes á la Historia de América.) Victoriano Suárez, Madrid, 1904.

The veritable title given by Pedro Gutierrez de Santa Clara to his five books, only two of which are as yet published, is: "*Quinquenarios*, and he qualifies the civil wars in Perú as "*guerras mas que ciuiles que uvo en los reynos y prouincias del Perú.*" It might have been more appropriate to apply to these disturbances the epithet of "less than civil." As it is, there are as yet only two books of this interesting work in print, and it is enough to make us yearn for the rest. To review the *beginning* of a work is a very delicate task.

Many, and quite important, matters are foreshadowed in that beginning. We learn, from references in the elaborate introduction, that the third, the fourth, and especially the fifth book contain the most interesting, or, at least, the most attractive data. Some conclusions of the introduction are held in suspense, as we have not the final word of proof which the unprinted sections contain. At any rate, the remaining volumes, it is to be hoped, will soon make their appearance, and until then it is a pleasant duty to congratulate the Spanish editor on what he has attempted and performed. He has opened to study a new source on the history of the colonization of Peru in its earliest period, and it may be also a valuable contribution to the knowledge of primitive conditions. This, as well as the importance of the work for Mexico, remains yet to be seen.

Very naturally, the person of the author, *who* and *what* he was, occupies a great portion of the introduction. It is not easy to find a needle in a haystack, and therefore, where men called *Gutierrez* abound, and each one of them is adorned with as little genealogy as possible, the pedigree of one of them named Pedro is hard to trace. The editor has, therefore, attached himself to the appendix *Santa Clara*, in